

Appln. No. 10/789,717
Amendment dated April 11, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed January 11, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3 through 12 remain in this application. Claim 2 has been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 13 through 20 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraphs 1-5 of the Office Action

Claims 6 and 10 have been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Claims 6 and 10, as well as other claims have been amended to correct misspellings. Corrections have also been made to the Specification to clear up the misspellings.

Withdrawal of the objection to claims 6 and 10 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 7 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hribar in view of Vigilotti.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 2, which was indicated as being allowable in the Office Action, and therefore claim 1, as well as claims 3 through 9 which depend from claim 1, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 1, 7 and 9 is therefore respectfully requested.

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Paragraph 8 of the Office Action

Paragraph 8 of the Office Action states that claims 2 through 6, 8 and 10 through 12 would be allowable if written into independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claims 1 and 5 (in their as-filed form with spelling corrections) into the recitation of added claim 13, and therefore claim 13 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 14 through 20, by virtue of their dependency from added claim 13, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

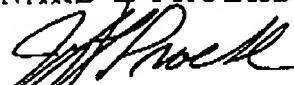
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

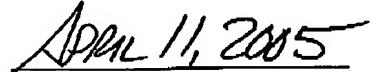
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